

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to add a brief description of the drawings section. Support for the figure descriptions can be found in the Examples at page 17-21. No new matter has been added. The claims have been amended to address the §101 and §112 rejections and to place the claims in a format more customary to US patent practice. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and § 101

Claims 1-9 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

It is believed that the amendments to the claims render the rejections moot.

Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

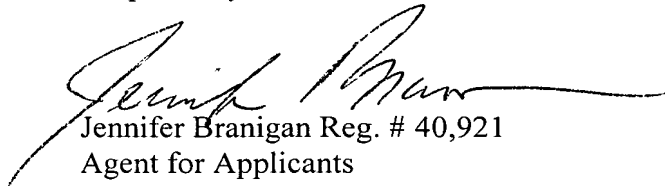
Claim 26 stands rejected under § 102.

Claim 26 has been cancelled. Thus, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues that can be expedited by a telephone conference, the examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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